

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image processing apparatus which receives a print job according to a predetermined print service request from a data processing apparatus and processes the received print job, comprising:

    storing means for storing a plurality of pieces of group information in correspondence to job issuers;

    setting means for setting specific group information to a print job received according to a specific print protocol and having no identification showing a job issuer thereof so as to enable execution of ~~for enabling the print job, the specific group information corresponding to the specific print protocol to be executed into said non-corresponding print job;~~ and

    job control means for controlling permission/inhibition of the execution of each received print job on the basis of the plurality of pieces of group information stored by said storing means or the specific group information set by said setting means, if authentication for the stored group information is successful.

2. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the specific print service request is an Internet print service.

3. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said setting means sets the specific group information and a passcode so as to enable execution of the print job.

4. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said job control means controls the permission/inhibition of the execution of the print job on the basis of a job management table.

5. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising discriminating means for discriminating whether or not a print job is received according to the specific print protocol in accordance with a port connected by said print service.

6. (Previously presented) An image processing method in an image processing apparatus which has storing means for storing group information set every predetermined print service request, receives a print job according to said predetermined print service request from a data processing apparatus, and processes the received print job, comprising:

a setting step of setting specific group information to a print job received according to a specific print protocol and having no identification showing a job issuer thereof so as to enable execution of the print job, the specific group information corresponding to the specific print protocol ; and

a job control step of controlling permission/inhibition of the execution of each received print job on the basis of the plurality of pieces of group information stored in said storing step or the specific group information set in said setting step, if authentication for the stored group information is successful.

7. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein the specific print service request is an Internet print service.

8. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein in said setting step, the specific group information and a passcode so as to enable execution of the print job.

9. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein in said job control step, the permission/inhibition of the execution of the print job is controlled on the basis of a job management table.

10. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 6, further comprising a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not a print job is received according to the specific print protocol in accordance with a port connected by said print service.

11. (Previously presented) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable control program for an image processing method in an image processing apparatus which has storing means for storing group information set every predetermined print service request, receives a print job according to said predetermined print service request from a

data processing apparatus, and processes the received print job, wherein said control program allows a CPU to execute:

a setting step of setting specific group information to a print job received according to a specific print protocol and having no identification showing a job issuer thereof so as to enable execution of the print job, the specific group information corresponding to the specific print protocol; and

a job control step of controlling permission/inhibition of the execution of each received print job on the basis of the plurality of pieces of group information stored in said storing step or the specific group information set in said setting step, if authentication for the stored group information is successful.

12. to 24. (Canceled)